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JANUARY, 1989

NOVEMBER, 1988
TOP 20 TITHES
(Received by Dec. 10, 1988)

1.	MCC Dallas	Dallas, TX	$2,115.55
2.	MCC Washington DC	Washington, DC	1,829.00
3.	Church/Holy Spirit	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	1,782.48
4.	All God's Children MCC	Minneapolis, MN	1,553.89
5.	MCC San Diego	San Diego, CA	1,371.88
6.	MCC of the Resurrection	Houston, TX	1,294.79
7.	MCC in the Valley	N. Hollywood, CA	1,245.01
8.	MCC San Francisco	San Francisco, CA	1,238.27
9.	MCC Long Beach	Long Beach, CA	1,091.45
10.	King of Peace MCC	St. Petersburg, FL	800.96
11.	MCC of the Rockies	Denver, CO	763.63
12.	St. Luke's MCC	Jacksonville, FL	713.39
13.	First MCC of Kansas	Wichita, KS	711.94
14.	MCC Key West	Key West, FL	593.76
15.	MCC of Greater Kansas City	Kansas City, MO	587.70
16.	Divine Redeemer MCC	Glendale, CA	581.08
17.	Christ Chapel MCC	Santa Ana, CA	580.71
18.	MCC New Haven	New Haven, CT	547.33
19.	MCC Detroit	Detroit, MI	521.08
20.	MCC Seattle	Seattle, WA	477.80

NOVEMBER, 1988
TOP 20 PER CAPITA
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1.	MCC of Northern Virginia	Oakton, VA	28.85
2.	All Faiths MCC	San Diego, CA	27.42
3.	Whitewater Valley MCC	Richmond, IN	22.81
4.	River City Living MCC	San Antonio, TX	21.04
5.	MCC Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, CA	19.91
6.	MCC New Haven	New Haven, CT	19.69
7.	MCC Washington DC	Washington, DC	19.37
8.	MCC Rockville	Rockville, MD	19.06
9.	MCC Long Beach	Long Beach, CA	17.86
10.	MCC of the Rockies	Denver, CO	17.57
11.	MCC Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon, WA	17.17
12.	MCC in El Paso	El Paso, TX	17.16
13.	MCC of the Desert	Cathedral City, CA	17.02
14.	Christ the Liberator MCC	Princeton, NJ	16.82
15.	MCC San Jose	San Jose, CA	15.82
16.	Church of the Resurrection	Chicago, IL	15.52
17.	Vieux Carre MCC	New Orleans, LA	15.45
18.	Divine Redeemer MCC	Glendale, CA	15.37
19.	Open Arms MCC	Rochester, NY	15.36
20.	New Covenant MCC	Anaheim, CA	15.35

REV. ELDER "PAPA" JOHN HOSE

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches is saddened to announce the death of Rev. Elder John Hose, Atlanta, Georgia. Rev. Hose, who was 74 years old, died of cancer at his home on Friday, November 25, 1988.

Rev. Elder John H. Hose has been called by Rev. Troy D. Perry, "THE apostle of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches."

From the day Rev. Elder Hose walked into his first meeting of Metropolitan Community Church, during the first six months of the existence of Metropolitan Community Church of Los Angeles, John Hose gave guidance, direction and concern for the UFMCC. Rev. Elder Hose was one of the first four Elders elected by our denomination.

John Hose was a successful businessperson when he walked into his first service of MCC. Within a few months he was named Assistant Pastor of the Mother Church by Rev. Troy D. Perry. Once Rev. Hose started his association with UFMCC, he never looked back. Rev. Hose was the first theologian of our denomination. He became one of the first pastors of our denomination when he started pastoring MCC of San Diego in 1970. In 1974 he became Pastor of First MCC of Tampa, Florida. Rev. Hose left Tampa in 1979 to become Pastor of First MCC of Atlanta, Georgia. Rev. Hose served as Vice-Moderator of the Board of Elders from the inception of the denomination until 1979. From 1979 to 1981 Rev. Hose served as Treasurer of the UFMCC.

Rev. Hose was given the title Elder Emeritus by the denomination upon his retirement from the Board of Elders.

Before coming into UFMCC, Rev. Hose received his A.B., cum laude from Elmhurst College in 1937; his B.D. from Eden Theological Seminary in 1940, and his M.S. from the University of Southern California in 1971.

He was honored by Samaritan College with a Doctor of Ministries Degree in 1987.

Rev. Hose is survived by his spouse, Dale Delgado, and by two daughters, and by thousands of "children" in the UFMCC who knew him affectionately as "Papa John".

Memorial Services for Papa John were held on December 11, at First MCC of Atlanta, Georgia, with Rev. Troy D. Perry officiating. Over 200 of Papa John's friends and family attended. The family requests that any memorial contributions be made to the UFMCC in Rev. Hose's name.

GENERAL CONFERENCE XIV

Make your plans NOW to attend General Conference XIV in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, July 16-23, 1989.

This General Conference features two registration options:

(1) A full-week registration includes the opening reception, business sessions, week-day activities for non-delegates and the Thursday Workshop features. Confirmed special guests for the Thursday programs include: Dr. Carter Hayward of Episcopal Divinity School and Dr. Daniel McGuire of Marquette University.

(2) A week-end registration is available for Friday through Sunday and includes admission to all week-end events including workshops and the Human Rights banquet on Saturday evening.

General Conference XIV will be held at the lovely Radisson Hotel in downtown St. Paul. The special room rate of $55 (U.S.) per night will make this one of our most economical Conferences ever.

You can help the Fellowship and save additional cost by using the designated airlines for this General Conference: Northwest or American. You will receive a 5% discount off the lowest available airfare and the UFMCC will receive some free tickets if a sufficient number of passengers are booked through this program. To take advantage of this option, passengers must book their travel arrangements through Vacation Corporation Travel by calling 1-800-642-4386 (Outside California) or (213) 933-4111 (Within California).

PASTORAL SEARCHES

MCC Sydney, Australia is now actively searching for a new Pastor. All licensed and ordained clergy are asked to prayerfully consider this opportunity for ministry. Any interested clergy are asked to send a resume to: Irwin Diefenthaler, MCC Sydney, P.O. Box 1237, Darlinghurst, NSW 2010, AUSTRALIA.

St. John's MCC in Raleigh, North Carolina has re-opened its pastoral search process. All UFMCC licensed and ordained clergy are invited to prayerfully consider this opportunity for ministry. We would also like to ask the readers of KIT to pray for our church, our leaders and our pastoral search process as we continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in Central N. Carolina. Requests for application packets should be directed to: St. John's MCC, P.O. Box 5626 Raleigh, NC 27650-5626. For additional information call Wayne Lindsey at (919) 828-3535.

MEMORIAL WALL

The Memorial Wall being built during the renovation of MCC Los Angeles is a dream come true. There is still time for us to remember those of our members, friends, family, and community who have died; and those who have died from AIDS often leaving no one but us to remember them. If you wish information on the plaques and/or an architectual rendering [illegible] (213) 930-1600.

PRAISES

Church of the Trinity MCC in Sarasota, Florida is proud to announce the purchase of 3.5 acres of land and that they will break ground to build a brand new sanctuary in April of 1989. The land, presently a ranch, has a large house and a triple car garage which will be renovated for office use and a temporary chapel. They doubled their attendance in 1988 and hope to double that in 1989. Congratulations, Trinity MCC!

Nearly 90 people attended the 1988 European North Sea District Conference over the weekend of November 11-13th. The West Cliff Hall Hotel excelled themselves with their hospitality and the Holy Spirit and unity was evident throughout the conference.

Rev. Judy Dahl, Southwest District Coordinator, has just had her book published. The book is due for release on February 1. Congratulations, Judy!

MCC Anchorage would like to take this opportunity to announce that as of August 23, 1988, MCC of Anchorage, Alaska is back together again, born of new seed, blessed with new Spirit and ready to approach duration mindful of the vision of our Lord in Peace, Honor and Glory. They ask that you will remember them in your prayers and support them in your hearts and minds always as they will be praying for the fellowship and unity of the body of believers.

Hallelujah! A New Work in Perth, Australia is off the ground; Resurrection MCC of Perth, commenced worship on November 27 with 16 people. Five people have registered to come across the continent to District Conference. This will be a very exciting group. Congratulations, Perth!

NEW TRUSTEE APPOINTED TO SAMARITAN BOARD

Samaritan College announced in December the appointment o Ellen Ratner to the Board of Trustees of Samaritan College Ms. Ratner is the President of the National Lesbian and Ga Health Foundation - the oldest lesbian and gay healt organization in the country - and is a nationally recognize leader of the lesbian and gay community.

Ms. Ratner is the first person of the Jewish faith to b appointed to the Board of Samaritan College. Ms. Ratner' appointment reflects a decisive step toward establishing th College as the first accredited university with predominantly gay and lesbian student body - Samaritan long-term objective.

"We are delighted that Ellen Ratner will be joining o Board," said Rev. Sherre Boothman, President of Samarit College. "She will be an enormous asset. Her credentia are outstanding, particularly her expertise in the hum services area where Samaritan has recently added a degr program," she explained.

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"I look forward to devoting my time and energy to the growth of Samaritan College," expressed Ellen Ratner. "Samaritan has filled a major void in the lives of so many gays and lesbians. It has a great future ahead of it, and it's extremely fulfilling to me to know that I will be a part of Samaritan's future."

Ms. Ratner is widely recognized as a leader in the field of chemical dependency treatment for lesbians and gay men. In 1974 she founded and became Director of the Wollaston II Psychiatric Day Treatment Center, New England's largest day treatment facility. She also co-directed the Boundaries Therapy Center in 1973. Currently, Ms. Ratner serves as a member of the management team of the Addiction Recovery Corporation, which is dedicated to research, education and the prevention of addictions.

SOURCEBOOK ON LESBIAN & GAY HEALTH CARE

The National Lesbian/Gay Health Foundation (NLGHF) has published the second edition of The Sourcebook on Lesbian/Gay Health Care. The Sourcebook is the only comprehensive directory and resource book for lesbians and gay men. It contains more than 2,000 listings of doctors, clinics, counseling services and research centers that specialize in lesbian and gay health care, as well as 42 articles by leading experts on lesbian and gay health issues. The Sourcebook directory covers every state in the United States as well as Canada, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

"While The Sourcebook includes the most comprehensive information and listing of doctors and clinics treating people with AIDS," said Ellen Ratner, President of the NLGHF, "this publication goes far beyond AIDS. The directory provides information on every conceivable health issue that a lesbian or gay might confront; such as psychotherapy, support groups, chemical dependency and other addictions, rape counseling, menstrual disorders, holistic treatment, and plain old basic preventive health care."

The articles contained in The Sourcebook are written by world renowned health care experts on major health and social issues facing the lesbian and gay community, which makes it one of the richest academic resources on lesbian and gay health issues ever published. Previously unavailable surveys and analyses are presented for the first time on issues such as substance abuse, mental health, AIDS, sexuality and gay and lesbian families.

"The articles contained in The Sourcebook represent a highly intellectual and objective investigation into the crucial health problems facing the lesbian and gay community," explained Michael Shernoff, a co-editor of The Sourcebook. "We've needed an interdisciplinary volume of this magnitude for a long time. It's an important step toward our goal of equal access to quality health care for all people. The articles were chosen for the lesbian and gay consumer of health services as well as for the professional seeking state-of-the-art information relevant to his or her patients," Mr. Shernoff added.

"This book is a must," said William A. Scott, a co-editor. "Being gay or lesbian doesn't mean you have to suffer more than any other segment of the population either physically or psychologically. The Sourcebook lets you know where to go to get basic or specialized health care," he added.

The Sourcebook which is sold for $14.00, was edited by Michael Shernoff, ACSW, and William A. Scott, CSW, ACP. It is available in bookstores across the country or by contacting the NLGHF, P.O. Box 65472, Washington, D.C., 20035, (202) 797-3708.

A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

The owner of Travel Advisors, a gay-owned and operated tour company, has announced that he has invited Rev. Troy D. Perry and his lover, Phillip Ray De Blieck, to accompany him on a trip to Israel and parts of Europe, from September 18 thru October 2, 1989. Mr. Newt Deiter said, "Troy has visited the Holy Land before and brings a unique perspective to our trip."

Newt Deiter has also long been active in the gay & lesbian community, his involvement with MCC goes back to the earliest days when, at Troy's request he worked to set up the Church Crisis Intervention Center and provided ongoing training for the many volunteer counselors. He also spent five years on the board of the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, wrote a column for the Advocate for over six years, was a founder of the Gay Media Taskforce, served eight years (the last two as Chairman) of the Los Angeles County Probation Committee, (the first openly gay person to serve on a law enforcement supervisory body) and was for seven years a consultant and Senior Field Deputy to former Los Angeles City Councilwoman Peggy Stevenson. He has maintained interests in the travel business going back nearly thirty years and has explored the world seeking out those special locations of particular interest to our community. Newt made his first trip to Israel in 1960 and has visited nurerous times since.

For further information, contact Travel Advisors at 1-800-227-0141 or in California at 1-800-367-5553.

FROM THE OFFICE OF C.C.C.C.

The revised Relicensure and Ordination Applications are NOT being sent automatically to those clergy whose licensure is due this spring. The Application form is available in the new clergy manual or upon request from the C.C.C.C. Office. (The new forms are date "3/88gv" at the bottom of the page.)

Old Application forms WILL NOT be accepted. The new Applications must be received by March 1st.

PRAYERS

Mr. Clarke Friesen, South Central District Coordinator, reports that MCC Dallas was visited again in mid-December by the Klu Klux Klan, who attended the worship service in full robes and rubber gloves. Agape MCC in Ft. Worth and Mid-Cities MCC in Arlington have been receiving death threats. All of this follows the massive outcry and publicity surrounding the anti-gay prejudice of a Dallas judge in a local murder trial. Please keep the Texas churches in your prayers.

Rev. Steve Torrence, pastor of MCC Key West, Florida, has been hospitalized with what doctors believe may be a slight stroke. Please keep Steve, and Tommy (Steve's spouse) in your prayers. If you would like to send a card or note, please send them to: Rev. Steve Torrence, c/o MCC Key West, P.O. Box 4325, Key West, FL 33041.

MCC Portland had a fire the last week of December which caused about $25,000 damage. The fire was caused by a candle. Please send cards of prayer and support to: MCC Portland, 1644 N.E. 24th Street, Portland, OR 97232.

JOSEPH FAIRCHILD BEAM

The gay community lost one of its leading activists on December 27 with the death in Philadelphia of Joseph Fairchild Beam. The exact cause of death was not immediately clear. Friends said, however, that he had been in ill health recently and had been extremely depressed for several months.

For many years, Beam had worked to create a stronger movement of black lesbians and gay men. He was the first editor of Black/Out, a magazine serving that community, and served for three years on the board of directors of the National Coalition for Black Lesbians and Gays.

"Joe was such a positive role model for black gay men and women alike," said Renee McCoy, executive director of the NCBLG. "He had a gentle, frank spirit and was an inspiration to gays and lesbians at all levels, from all walks of life."

In 1985, Beam began work on a collection of writings and artwork by black gay men. It was published eighteen months later, under the title In the Life. Although a number of works had already been published by and about black lesbians Beam's was the first anthology ever to focus on the experiences of black gay men.

At the time of his death, Beam was compiling material for a second collection, Brother to Brother. According to his publisher, Sasha Alyson, "Joe already had made a great deal of progress on that book, and his parents were highly supportive of what he was doing. We still expect to publish it."

A Joseph Beam Memorial Scholarship Fund for creative writing has been established at Temple University. Interested parties may contact it in care of Marie Inyang, Esq., 12 S. Twelfth St., PSFS Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

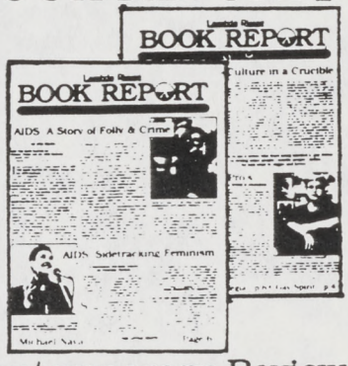
1ST ANNUAL LAMBDA LITERARY AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The publisher and the editor of the Lambda Rising Book Report, announced plans for a new annual awards program to recognize excellence in gay and lesbian writing and publishing.

"The time has come for the literary excellence of the lesbian and gay community to be recognized," said Jane Troxell, editor of the Book Report. "1988 has been a tremendous year for the writers, editors and publishers of gay and lesbian literature. As a result, all lesbian and gay people have benefited from this unparalleled growth in both substance and quality."

The public is invited to participate in the Lambda Literary Awards by nominating their favorite gay and lesbian books of 1988. Nominating ballots can be obtained from the Book Report, 1625 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009. The deadline for nominations is February 17, 1989. Five finalists in each of twelve categories will be announced nationally on March 1, 1989.

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